215. A portable utilization device according to claim 2/2, with said battery system being responsive to a command message to transmit to said computer processing circuitry requested information relating to battery parameters.

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216. A portable utilization device according to claim 211, with said battery system being operative to notify said computer processing circuitry when the battery is removed from said computer housing.

REMARKS

As requested by the Examiner, Applicant has renumbered claims 170-189 submitted in Applicant's June 20, 1997 preliminary amendment as claims 197-216 to be consistent with the numbering of claims in the parent case, Serial No. 08/561,665. Claims 49-196 of the parent case have been cancelled and claims 197-216 are now pending.

Applicant also submits herewith a terminal disclaimer as requested by the Examiner.

Applicant believes that claims 197-216 are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner disagrees, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner telephone the undersigned at (312) 707-8889.

A Notice of Allowability is courteously solicited.

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